

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0007, which appears on page 3 of the application, with the following replacement paragraph:

The Embodiments of the present invention ~~overcomes~~ overcome the foregoing and other problems encountered in the known teachings by providing a system and method for integrating a plurality of different short-range communication modules such as, for example, Bluetooth, LEE and RFID modules into a single communication device in a cost effective manner so that the device may use any of the available communication modules for communication. Advantageously, the system and method comprises a modified Host Controller Interface (HCI) signaling protocol, which allows an enhanced Host Controller (eHC) to share the use of a Bluetooth RF transceiver among a plurality of different types of communication modules, such as a Bluetooth module, an LEE module and an RFID module, thus alleviating the need for additional hardware (e.g., HCI drivers and RF transceivers) and software typically associated with multi-mode devices. This is accomplished in part, by modification to the communication protocols between the eHC and LEE protocol and between the eHC and RFID protocol as will be discussed in detail hereinafter.